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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 3, please replace the seventh full paragraph with the following paragraph:

--Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing a urine guiding article according to a first embodiment of the present invention; article;--

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 with the following paragraph:

--Fig. 3 is a partially cutaway perspective view illustrating a urine guiding article according to a second embodiment of the present invention and how the urine guiding article is used in a manner different from the manner shown in Fig. 2.--

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 6 and 7 with the following paragraph:

~~--Fig. 3 is a partially cutaway perspective view showing the urine absorbent pad 19 to illustrate an example of how the urine guiding article 1 is used.~~ The urine guiding article illustrated in Fig. 3 comprises a connecting region 6 and a plurality of ribbon-like strips 2 that are integrally formed with the connecting region 2. The urine-absorbent pad 19 comprises, similarly to that

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illustrated in Fig. 2, the liquid-pervious topsheet 17, the liquid-impervious backsheet 18 and the body fluid absorbent core 16. The connecting region 6 of the urine guiding article 1 is attached to the inner surface 17a of the topsheet 17 by various means such as adhesion, pressure sensitive adhesion and welding. Of the urine guiding article 1, the connecting region 6 lies in the vicinity of one of longitudinally opposite ends 26 of the urine-absorbent pad 19 and the ribbon-like strips 2 extend between the longitudinally opposite ends 26. Use of the urine-absorbent pad 19 arranged in this manner makes it unnecessary to attach the urine guiding article 1 to the wearer's body like the urine guiding article 1 illustrated in Fig. 2. The urine-absorbent pad 19 illustrated in Fig. 3 can be made by the wearer him- or herself as long as a conventional urine-absorbent pad and the urine guiding article 1 illustrated in Fig. 1 are available for the wearer. In the illustrated embodiment of the urine guiding article 1, the ribbon-like strips 2 and the connecting region 6 are made of the same material and a plurality of the ribbon-like strips 2 are arranged side by side in the transverse direction.--

Please replace the Abstract on page 12 with the following Abstract:

--~~Here is disclosed a~~ A urine guiding article for use with ~~used~~ with a body fluid absorbent wearing article such as a urine-absorbent pad. The urine guiding article includes ~~comprises~~ a urine guiding region ~~including~~ that includes a plurality of ribbon-like strips ~~extending~~ which extend parallel to one ~~to~~ another in a longitudinal direction of the article and a connecting region

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extending in a transverse direction of the article and interconnecting proximal end portions of the strips.--

For the Examiner's convenience, a clean copy of the Abstract is attached hereto on a separate page.